

Announcement  
and  
Call for Abstracts

STD/HIV  
Prevention  
and the  
Internet

August 25 – 27, 2003

Omni Shoreham Hotel  
2500 Calvert Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Colleagues,

We hope that you will attend this meeting to share your experiences, both positive and negative, related to the use of the Internet to prevent and control STD/HIV.

The Internet has become an important venue for initiating sexual contact. The impact of the Internet on the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV, is still unknown. However, the Internet's potential to increase the average number of sexual partners and the amount of risky sexual behavior can have significant implications for disease transmission.

The Internet also may be an important venue for conducting STD/HIV prevention and control. Potential prevention and control efforts could include online outreach, automated behavioral interventions, and online partner notification.

As access to the Internet continues to increase, the public health community will be faced with the need to adapt current STD/HIV prevention and control strategies. At this meeting, we will discuss current efforts to meet this need, and generate suggestions for future research and programmatic strategies.

The purpose of the meeting is to allow the public health community to benefit from the successes and failures of those who have begun public health work with the Internet. We encourage attendance from people who have used the Internet as a tool for STD/HIV prevention and control, as well as from people who have not yet implemented these efforts.

Looking forward to seeing you in Washington, D.C.

Mary McFarlane  
Conference Chair

## **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The program will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, and will include lectures, workgroup discussions, and poster sessions. A general session will take place in the afternoon of August 25, followed by a reception. Parallel workgroup sessions on different aspects of STD/HIV prevention on the Internet will take place on August 26. Workgroups will share their results in a general session on August 27.

Pre- and Post-Conference workshops or mini-conferences may be planned by contacting the Conference Chair.

## **TYPICAL ATTENDEES**

STD/HIV researchers  
STD/HIV public health personnel  
STD/HIV outreach workers  
STD/HIV community partners  
Representatives of Internet Service Providers  
Epidemiologists  
Sexual behavior researchers

## **SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS**

All abstracts must be submitted for evaluation. Abstracts are to be submitted by June 20, 2003 to the Conference Committee at the address indicated below. Abstracts may be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to the Conference Committee. Abstracts may only be submitted in English. Abstracts should be classified under one of the following categories:

1. Outreach in chat rooms
2. Online partner notification
3. Behaviors and interventions on the Internet
4. Internet-related epidemiology and surveillance
5. Impact of policy on Internet-based services
6. Ethics of online research and outreach
7. Corporate and community partnerships
8. Health education online
9. Other

Each abstract will be printed in the Meeting Proceedings exactly as it is submitted by the authors; therefore, it is the author's responsibility to submit a clear, concise abstract, free of grammatical and spelling errors.

Notification of acceptance and format (oral presentation or poster) will be sent by e-mail by

July 11, 2003 and will be addressed to the presenting author.

Abstract text should be mailed or faxed to the Conference Committee, or emailed as a Microsoft Word™, WordPerfect™, or text file. Please indicate the abstract title, the most appropriate category for the presentation, the preferred presentation mode (oral or poster), a list of all authors and affiliations, and the primary contact author's complete mailing address, phone, fax and e-mail.

To aid in better paper selection for a good technical program, abstracts should be in the form of a paper summary consisting of between 200 and 300 words and should describe objectives, anticipated or actual results, conclusions, and the significance of your work. Abstracts may highlight successful efforts or may demonstrate techniques to be avoided by others.

The abstract submission addresses are:

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## **REGISTRATION**

There is no registration fee for the conference. However, you are required to register your participation with the Conference Committee in order to receive Conference materials. Registration must be completed by July 31, 2003. Registration can be accomplished by sending the attached form to the Conference Committee at the address indicated above.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

The Omni Shoreham Hotel offers conference attendees a rate of \$150 for single occupancy or \$170 for double occupancy for the dates of this meeting. Rooms must be reserved by July 31, 2003. To reserve a room, call the hotel directly at (202) 234-0700 or call Central Reservations at 1-800-THE-OMNI. Refer to the Group name (CDC) and the Meeting name (CDC STD Internet Consultation) to obtain the appropriate rate. Information about the hotel is available at <http://www.omnihotels.com>.

## TRAVEL

Washington, D.C. is served by three major airports: Dulles International, Ronald Reagan National Airport, and Baltimore-Washington International. Train service is available via Amtrak from some locations in the United States.

## AGENDA

A full agenda will be distributed in July.

On **Monday, August 25**, the conference will begin with a keynote session at **4:00pm**, followed by a cocktail reception.

On **Tuesday, August 26**, the parallel workgroups will begin with oral sessions and continue throughout the afternoon with moderated discussions. These discussion sessions will be aimed at generating recommendations for “best practices,” techniques to be avoided, and future research and programmatic directions.

On **Wednesday, August 27**, the workgroups will summarize their discussions in oral sessions.

**Poster sessions** will be held between sessions and during the reception.

## REGISTRATION FORM

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